Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*a*) Yes. The connection road is estimated to cost Rs. 2,600.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) One furlong.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: While, this road is under the P. W. D. why should the Panchayat take up this work?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The Panchayat has not taken up that work.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: In the answer, it is stated that only a furlong length distance of road is to be constructed and that it costs Rs. 2,600 for the work. Why is the cost so much?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There are a lot of wet lands to be acquired and it is an admitted fact that we have to pay much more in the case of wet lands. Further there is the need for the embankment method.

SIRKAR WELLS IN KOLINJAMPARA.

97. Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many Sirkar wells are there in the Kolinjampara firka in the Chittur taluk;

(*b*) when were they constructed;

(*c*) had all of them contained water in the months of Meenam, Medam and Edavam last;

(*d*) if so, how many of them had water and how many had not;

(*e*) whether they have tried to see if water can be had by boring when they found that these wells are unfit for the purpose conceived;

(*f*) have any complaints regarding the scarcity of water in the Panchayat wells from any—from private persons or from Panchayats—been received till now;

(*g*) if so, what have the Government done to minimise the complaint?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:

(*a*) Twenty-three.

(*b*) Prior to 1113.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Twelve and eleven respectively.

(*e*) Yes.

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(*f*) No.

(*g*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to question No. (*r*).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Has any attempt been made to bring these 11 wells under boring operation?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal: Have complaints reached the Government regarding the scarcity of water from areas other than Kozhinjampara?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Of course there have been complaints.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal: So there is a general complaint regarding that. Was the scarcity of water acute only so far as the summer season is concerned?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I do not know what the hon'ble member means by general complaint. The various complaints were regarding the scarcity of water during the months of summer, especially Medam and Edavam. Such complaints cannot be called uniform complaints of water scarcity throughout.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: What is the use of these 11 wells without water?

Dr. A. R. Menon: Nobody can do anything if there is no water.?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: What we attempt is to bore and see whether water comes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Was any scientific expert consulted before the wells are sunk?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: We had such expert advice also.

MILE-STONES FOR PANCHAYAT ROADS.

98. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the object of putting up mile-stones at the beginning of Panchayat roads from the P. W. D. roads ;

(*b*) what is the language written on these mile-stones ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon : (*a*) They are not mile-stones, but sort of sign-boards to denote the particular road in the Panchayat for facilitating measurement and check-measurement of road maintenance works.

(*b*) English.

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